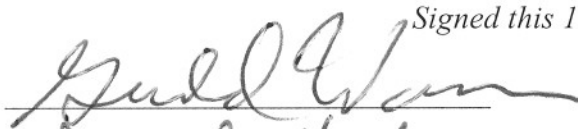


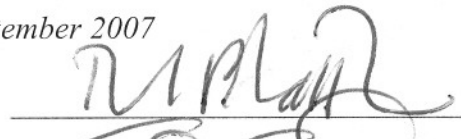
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The Needham Youth Commission is a Town department dedicated to supporting youth and families in Needham; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of the Needham Youth Commission is to provide leadership and a community focus on youth and family issues and to promote community wellness; and
- WHEREAS:** The Needham Youth Commission was established in 1967 and is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2007;
- WHEREAS:** In the past year the Needham Youth Commission has provided more than 1,000 hours of counseling services and had over 2,700 residents participate in their workshops and seminars;
- WHEREAS:** The Needham Youth Commission played a leadership role in addressing the issue of suicide in our community as well as creating programs such as Needham Unplugged and Safe Surf which have been replicated in many other communities statewide; and
- WHEREAS:** The staff and Board of the Needham Youth Commission has elevated the impact of the department and made a critical difference in the lives of Needham residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Needham Youth Commission shall be commended for their forty years of providing support to youth and families.

Signed this 11th day of September 2007


Gerald W. Healy


John H. Cogswell

Needham Board of Selectmen